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Docket No: 4040/0L566-US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ramachandran MURALI et al.

Serial No.: 09/720,647

Art Unit: 1614

Confirmation No.: 3796

Filed: July 17, 2001

Examiner: Kevin E. Weddington

For: **CAVITY INDUCED ALLOSTERIC MODIFICATIONS OF INTERMOLECULAR INTERACTIONS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS THAT EFFECT THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

October 18, 2002

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced application on May 22, 2002. A petition for an extension of time and a check for the required fee are enclosed to extend the time for response to October 22, 2002.

In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect examination of invention Group I, claim 1, without traverse.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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